

PREDICT BIG THINGS FOR TAR HEEL STATE

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I like to get up in the morning and go out on the porch and look at the thermometer and then glance down the hill past the big poplar tree where the sun comes up over Harry Goldsmith's house at this season of the year, and then back toward the barn where the spring storms gather and after all this is done, to forecast the weather conditions of the day. Not that it makes much difference, for each day rolls along with its own conditions whether guessed at or not. But we all have a speaking acquaintance with the weather, and it is the one thing of universal interest. We like to guess ahead.

And so I like to bring out the picture puzzle of the world, and of the Chicago convention soon to meet, and the camouflaged resolutions that Senator Knox is trying to make look like a serious effort at something. We are all amateur prophets. It does no harm to read the history of the future as well as that of the past, and if the story of the future is not always true, why, for that matter, neither is all true that we read of the past.

I like to look over North Carolina and see what the folks are going to be doing with the old State tomorrow and next year and in the next generation. It is not very hard if you get a line on all the signs, where the thermometer stands, where the sun is coming up, whether a fog is rising on the hill, or whether the sky is rosy or clouds running.

A Glimpse at the Census Figures.
I have just been glancing at the census figures that have come out so far. The country indicates about a normal growth, or a little under, because of the decline in immigration and war, but we have reached such a populous stage that the normal increase in this big nation is not affected so much in its proportionate increase of the whole as when we had a smaller population. Since the census was taken in 1790 our average rate of increase of population has been three per cent a year. It has never fallen so low as two per cent. Ten years ago our population was ninety two millions. Taking our lowest rate of increase since the government was established, we can count on close to two millions a year of an increase in the last ten years in the United States. That means the addition each year of people enough to fill a state like Minnesota, Virginia, Kansas, Tennessee or of that type, or in the ten years to add to the country territory the size of a cluster of states about three times as populous as all of the New England country or the equivalent of a bunch like Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin. Or we can make it more comprehensive when we say that the United States in the last ten years has added to its population about the whole country west of the Mississippi excepting the single state of Missouri. If you will take a map and look at it and see that in the ten years we have about duplicated in this country the whole region west of the Mississippi with one exception of Missouri.

Presumably the next ten years will see the addition as big as the entire country west of the Mississippi in population. In industry the addition is far in excess of that of the section specified. Now two questions come up. One is where are we going to put all these people, and the other is what are they going to do? The answer to the first question is that we are going to put them where we have room and resources and the other is that they are going to develop the resources where they locate.

A Place Where There is Room.
That begins to read the pain of North Carolina, for here is one of the places that offers room, and with it resources and the attractions of life. The last ten years has seen more development and progress in the state than at any previous time since the colony was founded. That is one of the certain signs that in the location of the increasing population of the country North Carolina is getting her share. The advantages of climate and location and natural opportunity are becoming better known every day to all the world, and the trend in this direction is greater, and what is more the tendency of the native population is growing less toward some other places. North Carolina has become acquainted. The expanding nation sees that here is room and here are the chances for industry and a fit place to live. It is not a matter of argument, nor persuasion. The country is filling up with people, who are expanding business and activity in every line, and they see that North Carolina is available for the multiplying population and industrial development. So North Carolina is forced to grow and become a prominent factor.

Hitting the Pace.
Ours has been a farm State. It has more lately become a manufacturing State. It is also becoming a desirable home location. In all of these it is getting its full share. These things draw our share of the people that are increasing in the nation, and all through North Carolina are found a larger proportion of outsiders. From other states they are beginning to come in in numbers big enough to attract attention. Charlotte has a big northern population. The sound country is gathering up a lot of westerners. The Sandhill region has a big population from the fruit belts of the North. Lumbermen from the older sections are plentiful in the mountains. New England money is sprinkling every quarter of the State where cotton mills are growing. The arrival of cotton mill capital in North Carolina from outside sources is one of the pronounced signs of what is happening and to happen. This runs up into many millions, and is going much higher. The automobile is doing a great thing in getting North Carolina acquainted with the rest of the country and in bringing outside settlers and outside money. The string of cars that come into the state day by day now is astonishing, and increasing steadily. Where they came at first one at a time, it is no unusual sight now to encounter bunches of two or three or even more cars moving along in a united fitting. Travelers come south in winter and go north in summer, some stopping in the state, some going farther south, some stopping on the journey both ways, but all getting an insight into what North Carolina is doing, and they take a great deal of interest in what they see. That source has added much

to the population of the state and to its capital and industry.

Increase in a Decade.
North Carolina this year will show its census to have added probably three hundred thousand people to the state. Averaging this increase among the hundred counties would mean three thousand to each. A few of the counties have made but little increase. Some have made much. But if we remember that the counties with the least count would average about 22,000 each it is seen that we are adding now to the state the equivalent of about twelve to fourteen of our average counties in the census for years, or each year we are now finding the state counting up as much as in a county of 30,000 population, or say a county like Edgecombe, or Cleveland or Davidson or that type of ten years ago.

Possibly we may be making a still better showing. But we may reasonably expect that we are adding every year the full equivalent of one of the average counties, population, industry, wealth and all, or to be more exact, we are adding far more in the way of wealth and industry, for these have increased out of all proportion to the increase of population. In wealth and industry in the last ten years North Carolina has added more than her entire possessions of the last census for we have more than doubled our products, our farm stuff, our manufacturers and our accumulations.

Diversification.
Another thing we are to remember when we consider what we are doing as a state and what the census will show us we have accomplished is that we are diversifying our industries as well as our farming. Ten years ago an ordinary man if he was using any copra and he would ask what in the funny world is copra. Yet a man sitting on the joggle board at my house Sunday told me that he had not been able to get a cargo of copra at

Wilmington as he had expected and he was negotiating for a cargo from ships that were expected at San Francisco and Seattle. Copra is the flesh of coconuts, and our oil mills crush the stuff for oil after the cotton seed has been worked up. An astonishing industry that has sprung up all over the state now is automobile repairing. Knitting mills have multiplied amazingly. Shipbuilding is practically a new industry, at least concrete shipbuilding is, and the expansion of other types is next thing to it. Cheese, butter and canned goods are expanding new industries. The list can be extended, but this is enough to show that we are diversifying in manufacturing as well as expanding. We have come to stand at the head of the class also in some things. We spin more bales of cotton and manufacture more tobacco than any other state now.

Now you can see what is in the air for the tomorrow. Like the boys in the army, we are going somewhere even though we do not know where. We have passed the restricted region of yesterday, and what the road leads to will be as much of a surprise and revelation as anything we have passed. The fanciest man in the world to me is the one who occasionally asks me if we have not come to the point where we will turn back to go the other way. And I wonder if the sun is about to rise in the west, and the rivers to begin to climb up the hill, and the trees to have their leaves under and over and men to walk on their hands with their feet in the air. Are we teaching the turning back place?

We have just now thrown in the high gear and got the old state well warmed up, and from now on she is to go slipping down the road with the dust flying behind in a way we have never yet seen. That is how we are reaching the turn back point. There is no such place. Let's wife found it once, but it has been lost from that day to this.

Canada has paid an average of over \$600 to her over-seas service troops, voted \$40,000,000 for needy soldiers, spent large sums in establishing a re-education system for returning soldiers, and advanced \$7,500 to each man who takes up farming. Nevertheless, a large body of veterans is agitating for an additional \$2,000 for each one who served on the front, \$1,500 for any who got only to England, and \$1,000 for service in Canada. The Government declares it will not pay these sums, estimated to total \$800,000,000.

A survey of radical activities made public by the United Americans, a new organization, declares that radical leaders are confident of a revolution in this country within two years. The start is to be made in New York City with a general strike. The Russian Soviet Government has contributed \$20,000,000 to the American radical movement.

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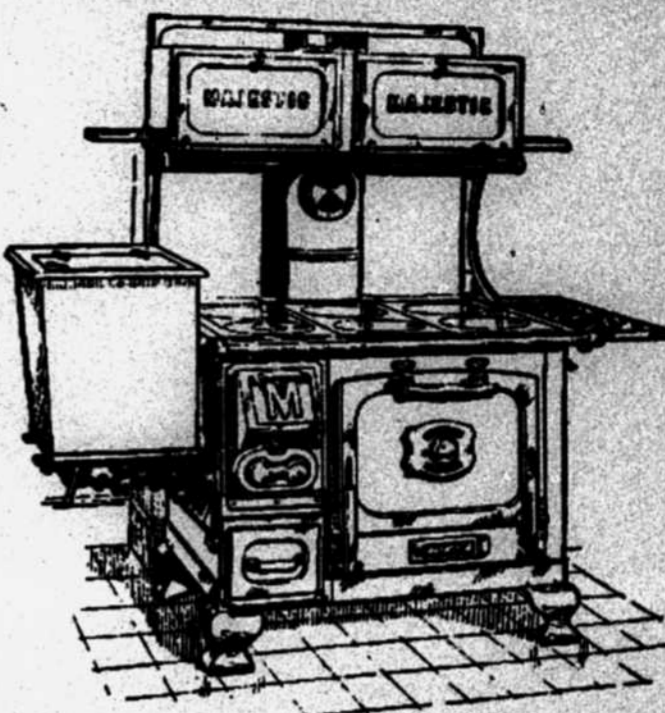
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